

2006—Par. (3). Pub. L. 109-364 substituted “668(d)” for “661(c)(2)” in introductory provisions.

2001—Par. (1). Pub. L. 107-107, § 524(1), designated existing provisions as subpar. (A) and added subpar. (B).

Par. (2). Pub. L. 107-107, § 524(2), amended par. (2) generally. Prior to amendment, par. (2) read as follows: “The military occupational specialties within each of the armed forces that have been designated as critical occupational specialties under section 661(c)(2) of this title, separately identifying those specialties for which there is a severe shortage of trained officers, together with an explanation of how those specialties meet the criteria for that designation in section 661(c)(2)(B) of this title.”

Par. (3)(A), (B). Pub. L. 107-107, § 524(3)(A), substituted “selected” for “nominated”.

Par. (3)(D). Pub. L. 107-107, § 524(3)(B), inserted “and” after semicolon at end.

Par. (3)(E), (F). Pub. L. 107-107, § 524(3)(C), (D), redesignated subpar. (F) as (E) and struck out former subpar. (E) which read as follows: “have been selected for the joint specialty; and”.

Par. (4)(A). Pub. L. 107-107, § 524(4), substituted “selected” for “nominated”.

Par. (14). Pub. L. 107-107, § 524(5), designated existing provisions as subpar. (A) and added subpar. (B).

Par. (16). Pub. L. 107-107, § 524(6), substituted “subparagraphs (E) and (F) of section 664(i)(4)” for “section 664(i)” in introductory provisions and in subpar. (B).

Par. (17). Pub. L. 107-107, § 1048(a)(7), substituted “Joint Forces Staff College” for “Armed Forces Staff College” in introductory provisions and in subpar. (B).

1996—Par. (16). Pub. L. 104-106 added par. (16) and struck out former par. (16) which read as follows: “During the period of the applicability of the first sentence of subparagraph (B) of section 661(d)(2) of this title, information on critical positions not filled by officers with the joint specialty, including—

“(A) a listing by organization of the joint duty assignment positions which were not filled by officers with the joint specialty;

“(B) an explanation of the reasons such positions were not filled by officers with the joint specialty, described by the categories of such reasons; and

“(C) the percentage of critical joint duty assignment positions held by officers who have the joint specialty.”

1989—Pars. (17), (18). Pub. L. 101-189 added par. (17) and redesignated former par. (17) as (18).

1988—Pars. (16), (17). Pub. L. 100-456 added par. (16) and redesignated former par. (16) as (17).

1987—Par. (2). Pub. L. 100-180, § 1304(a)(1), (2), added par. (2) and redesignated former par. (2) as (5).

Par. (3). Pub. L. 100-180, § 1304(a)(1), (2), added par. (3) and redesignated former par. (3) as (6).

Par. (4). Pub. L. 100-180, § 1304(a)(1), (2), added par. (4) and redesignated former par. (4) as (7).

Par. (5). Pub. L. 100-180, § 1304(a)(1), redesignated former par. (2) as (5) and former par. (5) as (8).

Par. (6). Pub. L. 100-180, § 1304(a)(1), (3), redesignated former par. (3) as (6) and substituted “paragraph (5)” for “paragraph (2)”. Former par. (6) redesignated (10).

Par. (7). Pub. L. 100-180, § 1304(a)(1), (3), redesignated former par. (4) as (7) and substituted “paragraph (5)” for “paragraph (2)”. Former par. (7) redesignated (11).

Par. (8). Pub. L. 100-180, § 1304(a)(1), (3), redesignated former par. (5) as (8) and substituted “paragraph (5)” for “paragraph (2)”. Former par. (8) redesignated (13).

Par. (9). Pub. L. 100-180, § 1304(a)(1), (4), added par. (9) and redesignated former par. (9) as (14).

Par. (10). Pub. L. 100-180, § 1304(a)(1), redesignated former par. (6) as (10). Former par. (10) redesignated (16).

Par. (11). Pub. L. 100-180, § 1304(a)(1), redesignated former par. (7) as (11).

Par. (12). Pub. L. 100-180, § 1304(a)(5), added par. (12).

Par. (13). Pub. L. 100-180, § 1304(a)(1), (6), redesignated former par. (8) as (13) and substituted “paragraphs (5) through (9)” for “paragraphs (2) through (5)”.

Par. (14). Pub. L. 100-180, § 1304(a)(1), redesignated former par. (9) as (14).

Par. (15). Pub. L. 100-180, § 1304(a)(7), added par. (15).

Par. (16). Pub. L. 100-180, § 1304(a)(1), redesignated former par. (10) as (16).

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2006 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 109-364 effective Oct. 1, 2007, see section 519(e) of Pub. L. 109-364, set out as a note under section 664 of this title.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1987 AMENDMENT

Section 1304(b) of Pub. L. 100-180 provided that: “Paragraphs (3) and (4) of section 667 of title 10, United States Code, as added by subsection (a), shall apply with respect to fiscal years after fiscal year 1987.”

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN FIVE ANNUAL JOINT OFFICER POLICY REPORTS AFTER NOVEMBER 30, 1993

Pub. L. 103-160, div. A, title IX, § 931(e), Nov. 30, 1993, 107 Stat. 1734, directed the Secretary of Defense to include as part of the information submitted to Congress pursuant to this section for each of the next five years after Nov. 30, 1993, the degree of progress made toward meeting the requirements of section 619a of this title and the compliance achieved with each of the plans developed pursuant to Pub. L. 103-160, § 931(d), formerly set out as a note under section 619a of this title.

### § 668. Definitions

(a) JOINT MATTERS.—(1) In this chapter, the term “joint matters” means matters related to the achievement of unified action by integrated military forces in operations conducted across domains such as land, sea, or air, in space, or in the information environment, including matters relating to—

(A) national military strategy;

(B) strategic planning and contingency planning;

(C) command and control of operations under unified command;

(D) national security planning with other departments and agencies of the United States; or

(E) combined operations with military forces of allied nations.

(2) In the context of joint matters, the term “integrated military forces” refers to military forces that are involved in the planning or execution (or both) of operations involving participants from—

(A) more than one military department; or

(B) a military department and one or more of the following:

(i) Other departments and agencies of the United States.

(ii) The military forces or agencies of other countries.

(iii) Non-governmental persons or entities.

(b) JOINT DUTY ASSIGNMENT.—(1) The Secretary of Defense shall by regulation define the term “joint duty assignment” for the purposes of this chapter. That definition—

(A) shall be limited to assignments in which the officer gains significant experience in joint matters; and

(B) shall exclude assignments for joint training and education, except an assignment as an instructor responsible for preparing and presenting courses in areas of the curricula designated in section 2155(c) of this title as part of a program designated by the Secretary of

Defense as joint professional military education Phase II.

(2) The Secretary shall publish a joint duty assignment list showing—

(A) the positions that are joint duty assignment positions under such regulation and the number of such positions and, of those positions, those that are positions held by general or flag officers and the number of such positions; and

(B) of the positions listed under subparagraph (A), those that are critical joint duty assignment positions and the number of such positions and, of those positions, those that are positions held by general or flag officers and the number of such positions.

(c) CLARIFICATION OF “TOUR OF DUTY”.—For purposes of this chapter, a tour of duty in which an officer serves in more than one joint duty assignment without a break between such assignments shall be considered to be a single tour of duty in a joint duty assignment.

(d) CRITICAL OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTY.—(1) In this chapter, the term “critical occupational specialty” means a military occupational specialty involving combat operations within the combat arms, in the case of the Army, or the equivalent arms, in the case of the Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps, that the Secretary of Defense designates as critical.

(2) At a minimum, the Secretary of Defense shall designate as a critical occupational specialty under paragraph (1) any military occupational specialty within a combat arms (or the equivalent) that is experiencing a severe shortage of trained officers in that specialty, as determined by the Secretary.

(Added Pub. L. 99-433, title IV, § 401(a), Oct. 1, 1986, 100 Stat. 1029; amended Pub. L. 100-180, div. A, title XIII, §§ 1302(c)(1), 1303(b), Dec. 4, 1987, 101 Stat. 1170, 1172; Pub. L. 100-456, div. A, title V, § 519(b), Sept. 29, 1988, 102 Stat. 1972; Pub. L. 108-375, div. A, title V, § 534(a), (b), Oct. 28, 2004, 118 Stat. 1901; Pub. L. 109-364, div. A, title V, § 519(a)–(c), Oct. 17, 2006, 120 Stat. 2190, 2191; Pub. L. 111-383, div. A, title V, § 521, Jan. 7, 2011, 124 Stat. 4214.)

#### AMENDMENTS

2011—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 111-383, § 521(1)(A), substituted “integrated” for “multiple” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (a)(1)(D). Pub. L. 111-383, § 521(1)(B), substituted “or” for “and”.

Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 111-383, § 521(2), added par. (2) and struck out former par. (2), which read as follows: “In the context of joint matters, the term ‘multiple military forces’ refers to forces that involve participants from the armed forces and one or more of the following:

“(A) Other departments and agencies of the United States.

“(B) The military forces or agencies of other countries.

“(C) Non-governmental persons or entities.”

2006—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 109-364, § 519(a), amended heading and text of subsec. (a) generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “In this chapter, the term ‘joint matters’ means matters relating to the integrated employment of land, sea, and air forces, including matters relating to—

“(1) national military strategy;

“(2) strategic planning and contingency planning; and

“(3) command and control of combat operations under unified command.”

Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 109-364, § 519(b), substituted provisions limiting the definition of “joint duty assignment” to assignments in which the officer gains significant experience in joint matters and excluding assignments for joint training and education, except an assignment as an instructor responsible for courses as part of a program designated as joint professional military education Phase II, for provisions limiting the definition of “joint duty assignment” to assignments in which the officer gains significant experience in joint matters and excluding assignments for joint training or joint education and assignments within an officer’s own military department.

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 109-364, § 519(c), added subsec. (d). 2004—Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 108-375, § 534(a), substituted “a joint duty assignment list” for “a list” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 108-375, § 534(b), struck out “within the same organization” before “without a break”.

1988—Subsecs. (c), (f). Pub. L. 100-456 redesignated subsec. (f) as (c).

1987—Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 100-180, § 1302(c)(1), inserted “and, of those positions, those that are positions held by general or flag officers and the number of such positions” in subpars. (A) and (B).

Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 100-180, § 1303(b), added subsec. (f).

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2006 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 109-364 effective Oct. 1, 2007, see section 519(e) of Pub. L. 109-364, set out as a note under section 664 of this title.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2004 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 108-375, div. A, title V, § 534(c), Oct. 28, 2004, 118 Stat. 1901, provided that: “The amendment made by subsection (b) [amending this section] shall not apply in the case of a joint duty assignment completed by an officer before the date of the enactment of this Act [Oct. 28, 2004], except in the case of an officer who has continued in joint duty assignments, without a break in service in such assignments, between the end of such assignment and the date of the enactment of this Act.”

#### PUBLICATION OF REVISED JOINT DUTY ASSIGNMENT LIST

Pub. L. 100-180, div. A, title XIII, § 1302(c)(2), Dec. 4, 1987, 101 Stat. 1170, directed the Secretary of Defense to publish a revised list under subsec. (b)(2) of this section not later than six months after Dec. 4, 1987, which would take into account the amendments to this section and section 661 of this title made by Pub. L. 100-180, § 1302.

#### TRANSITION TO JOINT OFFICER PERSONNEL POLICY

The list of positions required to be published by subsec. (b)(2) of this section to be published not later than six months after Oct. 1, 1986, see section 406(a)(2) of Pub. L. 99-433, set out as a note under section 661 of this title.

### CHAPTER 39—ACTIVE DUTY

Sec.

671. Members not to be assigned outside United States before completing training.

671a. Members: service extension during war.

671b. Members: service extension when Congress is not in session.

672. Reference to chapter 1209.

673. Consideration of application for permanent change of station or unit transfer for members on active duty who are the victim of a sexual assault or related offense.

[674 to 687. Renumbered.]

688. Retired members: authority to order to active duty; duties.